



Probate judge named new Alabama Department of Mental Health commissioner

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Crenshaw County Probate
Judge Jim Perdue (AP)

Crenshaw County Probate Judge Jim Perdue is the new commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

Gov. Robert Bentley announced Perdue's appointment on Friday.

Perdue succeeds Jim Reddoch, who is retiring effective June 30.

Perdue has been probate judge since 2002 and he has experience with mental health issues. He's president of the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board and also a member of the Alabama Mental Health Advisory Board of Trustees.

Reddoch has worked in several capacities in the state's mental health system. That includes stints as director of Bryce Hospital and Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility, both in Tuscaloosa.

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